TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 87 - SB 1337

February 24, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004123): Authorizes a police department to notify the last known owner of record and lienholders of record of an abandoned vehicle that has been taken into its custody and to provide a pre-seizure notice when relevant by overnight delivery, in addition to certified mail, return receipt requested. Requires an entity towing a vehicle, if the owner of the vehicle is not present, to within 15 minutes of towing the vehicle notify local law enforcement of the vehicle identification number, license plate number, and description of the vehicle. Establishes a violation of this notification requirement as a Class A misdemeanor. Makes other revisions regarding the liens on towed vehicles and towing procedures.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is assumed that police departments will provide such notices by whichever option is least expensive, except for when the circumstances may require otherwise. However, those circumstances are assumed to be infrequent. Any fiscal impact resulting from sending notices by overnight delivery as opposed to certified mail are estimated to be not significant.
- It is assumed that entities in the business of towing vehicles will comply with the requirement to notify law enforcement with the relevant information when the owner of the vehicle is not present; therefore, the new requirement is not estimated to result in a significant increase in Class A misdemeanors.
- Any fiscal impact related to the other provisions of this legislation are assumed to be borne by private parties.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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